



## MDFR Teaches High School Students the Dangers of Drinking and Driving

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, MDFR participated in a mock crash reenactment at St. Brendan High School located at 2950 SW 87th Avenue. The "Don't Let Alcohol Be Your Last Taste of Life" event was hosted by the Miami-Dade Police Department and educates students on the consequences of underage drinking. This unique proactive educational program,

informs students about the cost of their actions. This program targets holidays, proms, and graduation events, and reaches over 70,000 students in approximately 25 high schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

Crashed cars were brought in and set up to simulate an actual vehicle collision. Students and police officers pretend to be accident victims. MDFR units from Fire Station #3 responded to the scene and attended the patient actors as they would in an actual car collision. Firefighters used the "Jaws of Life" to cut apart the cars and removed the injured passengers. At the end of the scenario, a hearse drove up with a coffin in the back. The hope of the program is to shock the students and deter them from driving under the influence.



## OEM Participates in Turkey Point Exercise

On Thursday, January 19, The Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management teamed up with Florida Power on a Turkey Point exercise.

Each county within the 10-mile emergency planning zone of a nuclear plant is required to conduct an annual exercise. FEMA evaluates these exercises every two years. This year's exercise was internally evaluated. The exercise included participation from FPL, FEMA, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Monroe County, Florida Bureau of Radiation Control, and more than a dozen local hospitals. Additionally, approximately 60 agencies were represented in the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center including county departments, non-governmental organizations, municipalities, as well as state and federal partners.

Several facilities were activated for the exercise including the Miami-Dade and Monroe Emergency Operations Centers; FPL's Emergency Operations Facility, Emergency News Center, Technical Support Center, and Operations Support Center; and the State Watch Office.

The exercise scenario began with a plant alarm indicating a possible damage to fuel in the reactor and progressed to a release of radioactive material that required evacuation of areas within 5 miles of the plant and sheltering in place for areas between 5-10 miles from the plant. Along with the many procedures

that were reviewed and assessed, the scenario also allowed the response community to practice:

- Communication
- Coordination
- Resource management
- Command and control
- Radiological monitoring and decontamination
- Medical triage of contaminated and "worried well" individuals
- Protective action decision making and implementation
- Public information

The probability of a nuclear plant emergency is very low but last year's Fukushima Daiichi disaster brought a lot of interest to nuclear power emergency response. Miami-Dade Emergency Management is pleased to leverage that interest and use it as an opportunity to further refine local response procedures and enhance responder preparedness. The 2012 Turkey Point exercise provided an excellent opportunity to do so.



## MDFR's New Look

With the arrival of a new year, MDFR's external website is getting a new image. The new website will feature a sleeker modern look. The homepage will highlight the latest department news, have a photo slideshow, and include a weekly public safety tip. The public will also have easy access to the department's facebook, twitter, and YouTube page.

The Community Information and Outreach Department also studied the traffic patterns of our current website to see what pages were visited the most. The new design will make these pages easier for the public to access.

MDFR will be one of the first departments in the county to have a new look. By the middle of February this template will be on all webpages on [MiamiDade.gov](http://MiamiDade.gov).

## New Features in Public Affairs Section on MDFRnet

Have you ever wanted a picture from your graduation? Do you know where to go to see the latest training video? Want to know what's happening in the community? The Public Affairs section in MDFRnet is the place to access all that and more.

Previously called MEDIANet, this area is a one-stop multimedia shop. The Public Affairs section has one main objective - to create a common open and shared platform that enables the easy delivery of print, digital and audio-video content to MDFR employees.

The Public Affairs section now features an online bulletin board. This is the spot to visit to learn about the latest community happenings, firefighter appreciation promotions, and retirement party information.

We have made it simple to access more than 75,000 digital images in our photo library. Photos can be located by using key words like an event or by date. In the video section you can watch the Fire Chief's latest message, a training video, or a public safety video.

New information and content is continuously added, check it out periodically to always know the latest department information and events.